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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Adam L Basehoar

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 January 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 April 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: Application filed on 01/24/01.
2. Claims 1-18 are pending in the case. Claims 1 and 10 are independent claims.

Priority

3. Application claims the benefit of Provisional Patent Application 60/221,750, filed 07/31/2000.

Information Disclosure Statement

4. The Information Disclosure Statements filled on 05/25/01, 01/16/03, 02/21/03, 03/24/03, 04/03/03, 05/06/03, and 03/29/04 are being considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

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6. Claims 1-3, 6-7, 10-12, and 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Russell-Falla et al (US: 6,675,162 01/06/04).

-In regard to independent claims 1 and 10, Russell-Falla et al teach a method and apparatus for determining content type of a web page comprising:

providing a predefined set of potential content types (categories of content)(column 2, lines 40-43);

running tests enabling quantitative evaluation of some contents of the selected web page being of the potential content type (column 2, lines 55-64);

mathematically combining the test results (column 3, lines 54-57); and

based on the results, assigning a probability (equivalent to the final rating of the page relative to the content category), for each potential content type, that shows the likelihood that some contents of that type exist on the selected web page (column 3, lines 2-6).

-In regard to dependent claims 2, 11, and 15, Russell-Falla et al further teach wherein the set of potential content types could include web page articles/news with information about people (pornography, racism, terrorism) and other content (column 3, lines 41-43).

-In regard to dependent claims 3 and 12 Russell-Falla et al further teach producing a respective confidence level (equivalent to the rating of the page relative to the content category) for each potential content type when at least some of the web page content was of that type (columns 2 & 3, lines 54-67 & 1-6).

-In regard to dependent claims 6 and 16, Russell-Falla et al further teach wherein the step of running the tests includes determining whether a predefined piece of data or keyword ("weighting list") appears in the web page (column 2, lines 56-63).

-In regard to dependent claims 7 and 17, Russell-Falla et al further teach wherein the step of running the tests includes determining whether a predefined piece of data or keyword ("weighting list") appears in the web page (column 2, lines 56-63).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 8-9 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Russell-Falla et al (US: 6,675,162 01/06/04).

-In regard to dependent claims 8, 9, and 18, Russell-Falla et al do not teach storing indications of the assigned probabilities (web page ratings) of each potential content type cross referenced with each respective web page in a database. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have stored previously viewed web pages

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along with there respective ratings for content types local to the user, because it was well known in the art at the time of the invention that storing frequently view web pages with their ratings would significantly reduce the determination/processing time of the Russell-Falla et al system by eliminating undue identifying, analyzing, and calculating on identical web page requests. Thus a repeated request could render an appropriate web page more efficiently which would benefit Russell-Falla et al which teach that analyzing web pages could be difficult and time consuming (column 1, 38-43).

8. Claim 4-5 and 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Russell-Falla et al (US: 6,675,162 01/06/04) in view of Haug et al (US: 6,556,964 04/29/03).

-In regard to dependent claims 4 and 13, Russell-Falla et al further teach wherein the test results utilize a neural network (column 4, lines 1-5). Russell-Falla et al do not teach wherein the combining of the test results includes using a Bayesian network. Haug et al teach wherein the application of a Bayesian network for statistical pattern recognition provides improved system performance with additional training of the network (column 3, lines 8-16). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention, for the invention of Russell-Falla et al to have employed a Bayesian network as shown in Haug et al, to achieve the above mentioned improved system performance, because Russell-Falla et al do provide the needed training of the network (column 3, lines 58-67) which would be needed to increase the statistical recognition needed to support the Bayesian network.

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-In regard to dependent claims 5 and 14, Russell-Falla et al further teach the step of training the neural network using a training set of web pages with respective known content types and collecting the statistics on the test results of the training web pages (column 3, lines 58-67).

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US: 6,266,664	07-2001	Russell-Falla et al.
US: 5,835,905	11-1998	Pirolli et al.
US: 6,128,613	10-2000	Wong et al.
US: 6,553,364	04-2003	Wu
US: 6,668,256	12-2003	Lynch
US: 6,389,436	05-2002	Chakrabarti et al.
US: 6,529,891	03-2003	Heckerman


10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adam L Basehoar whose telephone number is (703) 305-7212. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 7:30am - 4:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Herndon can be reached on (703) 308-5186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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